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Field Note



Curios and Relics  
Furniture  
Dresser  
Owned by Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the  
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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Virden Ills May 13 1940

Mr Warren Director

Lincoln Life Foundation

Fort Wayne Ind

Dear Sir

Mr F. W. Meffett

of St Louis Mo

told me to write you concerning a walnut  
Beaureau that once was Lincolns

I am sending you the history of it I would  
like to sell it and if you are intrusted will  
you give me an offer for it I am almost  
80 years old and need the money  
hoping you will buy it or know of some one  
that will

Hoping to hear from you soon  
I am Respectfully

Mrs Ida W Myers

326 N. Blair St Virden Ills

This walnut bureau  
was made for Abe Lincoln  
it has been thought that  
Abe Lincoln cut the timber  
to make it as he was a great  
A man and was a poor man  
at that time he possibly paid  
no cash at that time lots of  
work was swap or barter.

I am not telling this as facts  
but I now will procede to give  
the history of it as handed down  
to me by my mothers family  
after Lincoln was engaged to  
Ann Rutledge he gave the Bureau  
to Ann at Anns death it was  
returned to Abereham Lincoln  
who sold it to James Alexander  
west of Springfield at Richland  
at his death he gave it to his  
over

sister Sarah Alexander who  
Married Sam O'Keal who  
lived in the vicinity of what  
now is Glenarm

at her death she asked it to  
be given to her daughter ~~Martha~~  
~~Turley~~ who gave it to Martha A

Starford my mother who gave  
it to me at her death 1922,

it has never been out of my  
family since James Alexander  
bought it from Lincoln

and these are all the changes  
it has made



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Virden Ills Dec 9 1948

Mr Louis A Warren

I have your request I received several years ago asking for assistance in locating Lincoln Relics I am sending you a cutting out of the Illinois State Register of a man that has a hand made Walnut desk I have a hand made walnut bureau put together with wooden Pegs that was Lincoln's made in 1830

I also have a shawl he gave to my aunt Polly but it is eaten by the moths

Respk Jola W Myers  
123 N Springfield st  
Virden Ills

## Shelby Pioneer



**CHARLES W. STEWARD**

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., Oct. 26.—Charles W. Steward, 84, is the only man in Shelbyville now alive who has seen Abraham Lincoln. When very small, his father took him to Bowser's tavern, a stage coach stop in Rural township in the western part of Shelby county, where Lincoln stopped for the night when traveling through the county to Springfield. Mr. Steward remembers that Mr. Lincoln sprawled in his chair with one pants leg tucked in the top of his boot, and the other one out, while he drawled his comic stories. A handmade walnut desk Lincoln used when as a young lawyer riding the circuit he stopped in Shelbyville is one of Mr. Steward's treasured possessions. Still active in business, he is proud of having lived at the same location in Shelbyville for 51 years. For 33 years he served either as assessor or as a member of the board of review and for several terms he served as alderman of the second ward. His insurance agency is one of the oldest in central Illinois.





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